



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Meystel et al.**

Application No.: 09/839,226

Attorney Docket No.: Meystel

Filed: April 20, 2001

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TEXT
STRUCTURING AND TEXT
GENERATION**


Examiner: Laurie Anne Ries

Group Art Unit: 2176

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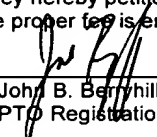
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Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby petitions for an extension of time of THREE months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee is enclosed as identified in the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated October 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration for the following reasons.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 18

Claims 1 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly indefinite and lacking enablement on the basis of the Examiner's objection to the phrase "meaningful N-word groups". The Specification refers throughout to such groups as "M-seeds". For example at paragraph 42, M-seeds are defined as:

"the groups of words which tend to be together in the text so as to convey some particular or more general meaning for which a single word does not exist, or is unknown; these groups of words are referred to as